

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A pasting and bookbinding apparatus having a sheet bundle loading device for positioning and stacking sheets ejected from an image forming apparatus, a holding device for holding a sheet bundle stacked on the sheet bundle loading device and transporting it, a sheet bundle transporting device for receiving the sheet bundle transported and interposing the sheet bundle to erect it, a paste coating device for coating paste on the back of the sheet bundle interposed and erected, a cover supplying device that supplies a cover sheet to a cover pasting device that presses the cover sheet supplied against the paste-coated back of the sheet bundle for pasting and a cover folding device for folding the cover sheet pasted on the sheet bundle along the edge portion of the paste applied back of the sheet bundle.